## THIRTEEN ARE DEAD.

By Far the Most Tragic Day in the Five Years' Experience of Coroner McDowell.

A GIRL'S DESPERATE SUICIDE.

Temporarily Insane on Religious Subjects, She Ends Her Life by Hanging. Leaving a Peculiar Letter.

STRANGE NEGLECT OF A BURNED MAN.

Several Met Beath on the Railways, and There Were Many Miner Crimes and Casualties.

Coroner McDowell had a very busy Christ-Coroner," he said last night, "I have never experienced such a day as this one. Thirteen cases were reported and partially investigated to-day. Just come with me and I will show you a sad sight," and leading the way to the little back room in the Morgue he said: "There are six victims, five of whom were killed on the railroads the other by a mine explosion. Of the other five, four have been sent to their ment in Allegheny. The first on the list is a suicide, and a young girl at that. Early this morning we were notified that Bertha Progner, a servant of H. P. Boyd, 148 Buena Vista street, was found hanging dead in the cellar. It was very evident from the evidence that her suicide was premeditated."

Details of the Suicide. The children were up bright and early, anxious to investigate what was in their stockings. They came to their father's room and complained of a strong smell of gas. Upon investigation it was discovered that a bracket had been broken off close to the wall in the kitchen and the full volume of gas was pouring into the room. Bertha could not be found in her room and a further search revealed her body hanging dead in the cellar. It was cut down immediately, but life was extinct, She had also slashed herself across the wrists with a knife, evidently with the intention of bleeding to death. The follow-Jackson street, but for some unknown reason failed to do so. It rends:

Dear Parents, Sister and Friends and all My Dear keloved Ones, and Uncle and Aunt Gab You must excuse me that I make such a dready Christmas as I have brought you. I was determined to suicide. I have not vet paid the messenger, so please pay him. Let Mary tell him what I have. Do with it what you will. Forgive me my dears, if I have wronged you. Do not accuse anyone on my account, because it is my own tault. I have thrown away the mercy of God in despair, and without it I cannot live. That is the verdict of the Bible, and so I see destruction ahead. Rather than all a burden to the world I place myself be fore the eternal Judge. My entire Hfe has been a desert. The dear, good parents-let them not grieve. It happens once that a person must die, therefore farewell. I kiss you all a thousand times. Excuse me, I cannot do otherwise. Farewell. BERTHA.

Insane on Religious Subjects. Mr. Boyd advanced the theory that the girl was evidently insune on religious subects. For the past week or two she had been praying almost continually and saying that the was a poor sinner. She was 22 years old and single. Her body was removed

ported to the Coroner. Corrigan was 31 years old and single and lived in the rear of 3231 Penn avenue. He had evidently been out celebrating, for he was heard going up the stairs by members of the family in an creatic manner, and in the morning his body was found at the toot of the stairs dead. No one had heard him falling, and when found his head was doubled under the body with his neck broken.

Joseph Miller, aged 30, and Peter Schmidt, aged 32, two Slav miners, in com-pany with two others, left their boarding house at Willow Grove to come to the city. The entire party were run down by a train on the Panhandle. Miller and Schmidt were instantly killed, and the other two ininred. The injured men were sent to the Mercy Hospital, and the bodies of the other

John Dougherty, aged 45, of Camp Copeland, and Peter McAnually, aged 40, of Duquesne, were killed by a train on the vivania road near Swissvale about The two men were at the residence of a cattle dealer named McKeever about 11:30 o'clock making a part payment on a cow that each had bought. They started for home together. The body of Dougherty was found about midnight and that of McAnnally about 3 o'clock. They were both removed to the Morgue where they were identified by Mrs. Dougherty yesterday. A Most Affecting Scene.

The scene was very affecting. Dougherty was literally cut in pieces and had been sewn up in oil cloth. Mrs. Dougherty immediately upon seeing him fell across the body in hysterics and had to be removed to the adjoining room. An effort was made by the Coroner to notify Mrs. McAnnaly at Topquesne, but there was no telegraph office open and other communication was cut off by reason of it being a holiday. Dougherty leaves a widow and three children and Mc-Annally a widow and eight children.

John McGraw, aged 70 years, a watchman

at the Twenty-third street station of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Rail-rond, was struck by a train and instantly killed about midnight. The body was re-moved to his late residence, No. 2214 Carey alley. He leaves a widow and grown up

Patrick Kelly, aged 60, who resided on Fifteenth street, Homestead, left home yesterday morning about 9 o'clock to get shaved. In attempting to cross in front of a train on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston road he was struck by the train and injured so severely that he died about noon at the West Penn Hospital, where he had been removed. The body was taken to is late residence vesterday afternoon. He leave a wife and grown up family

The next case was George Moffaur, who died at the Mercy Hospital yesterday afternoon from the effects of burns received in an explosion of gas in the mines of the Rainbow Coal and Coke Company on Wed-

A Flagrant Case of Neglect. "This," said the Coroner, "is the most fiagrant case of neglect I ever encountered. Here is the record from the Rospital, rereceived from the Central police station.
Upon inquiry of the police officials
I was told that the man had
walked into the Central station com-

pletely wrapped up in a blanket. He was accompanied by a countryman of his own, and the only thing the man could say in English was 'Hospital.' Superintendent Wier at once telephoned to the Mercy Hospital for the ambulance, and the man was removed to that institution. That a was removed to that institution. That a man in the condition Mollaur was should be sent here without a medical attendant, or even notifying any of the different institutions that he was on the road, and to be ready to receive him, is and outrage and I propose to make a thorough investigation of the case. I have sent for the manager of the works and will corrainly manager of the works and will certainly make every endeavor in my power to find

out why they should dump such a case on us without any warning whatever. There is no doubt in my mind that that man died is no doubt in my mind that that man died from the exposure. The very idea of a man walking through the streets in his condition when every care and attention should have been given him is appalling. The face of the dead man presented a horrible appearance, the flesh being burned to a crisp and that he was even able to walk is a miracle. I will find the true inwardness of this case and see if such an outrage can be perpetrated," and the Coroner's eyes snapped in a manner that showed he meant what he said.

Possibly Another Self-Destruction.

Possibly Another Self-Destruction. While Sergeant Sitzler, of the Twentyeighth ward station house, was on his way to work last night he was given a vest by the toll receivers at the south end of the Tenth street bridge which had been found on the bridge early in the morning. On searching the pockets a small note book was found. The leaves were all blank with the exception of one, on which was written: "I have committed suicide." This statement was signed by what appeared to be "John Smith," although the last portion of the name was almost entirely illegible.

The vest was found by a little son of Elizabeth Morgan, who lives at 1411 Bing-

mas. "In all my five years' experience as ham street, while he was crossing Coroner," he said last night, "I have never the bridge. He turned it over to the bridge. He turned it over to the tellkeepers, and they in turn gave it to the police as stated. Sergeant McQuaide started an investigation last night by in-structing all the night police to make in-quiry about the matter and learn if possible who had committed suicide, if anyone. Mr. McQuaide said he did not believe the man had signed his proper name in the book, although late last night a woman reported to Officer Gribben, that a man named Smith, living in the vicinity of South Third street, homes, and the fifth is at Smith's establish- had not been at home since Thursday night.

Two Killed by Freight Trains. William Curdy, who lives at Garfield, acrass the river from Bolivar, fell off a freight train near Ninevah yesterday m ing and received injuries from which he soon afterward died. His right arm was cut off and his legs were badly crushed.

Charles Montgomery dropped from an east-bound freight train near Blairsville yesterday. Both legs were cut off, and he expired almost instantly. He was 17 years old and lived in Altoona, where his body was sent for burial.

The Coroner yesterday received the re-port of the autopsy held by Drs. Creaven and Burleigh on the body of John Laffey, of the Southside, whose death was thought to have been due to an assault made on him in a Soho speak-easy. The autopsy showed that death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage of the brain, which could occur from natural causes. The Coroner, however, is of the opinion that Lafley was struck by some instrument. When found be was bleeding at the pose. When found he was bleeding at the nose, mouth and ears, and the marks on the left ing letter was found in her pocket. It was written in German, and she intended to send it to her nucle, Gustave Gabos, 130 from a fall which also blackened the left eye. A thorough investigation of the case will be made to-day.

### CHRISTMAS CAROUSALS

Cause Three Serious Cutting Affrays and a Pair of Ugly Assaults-Two Are Likely to Become Murders-Station Houses All Saloons made money yesterday and police

stations were crowded with drunks. Reeling men and an occasional woman were not unfrequent sights about town, and street fights were numerous. It was far from a quiet Christmas. In the downtown district the situation was worse, of course. The horses of No. 1 patrol wagon were kept on a continual run, and were unhitched only when too tired, sweating animels were then taken out and fresh ones put in. No. 1 wagon covers all the territory between the Point and Grant street, and many a mile of block stone lies between its patrol boxes and Central station. The latter place had a business-like air about it all day, and at midnight there were 40 guests within, and still coming in quick succession by ones, two and threes. A similar state of affairs to her uncle's residence at 130 Jackson street, Allegheny.

James Corrigan was the next case rerouted to the Corporar Corrigan was 31 Broken heads were everywhere and Police Surgeon Moyer had his hands full.

Stabbed in the Stomach, A probable murder was committed yesterday in Allegheny. William Collins, an engineer of a towboat, has been arrested and is in the Central police station of Allegheny to await the result. About 9 o'clock in the morning William Chadwick went to the towboat of John Diffle, at the foot of Greenwood street, to attend the loading of some coal. Collins, the engineer, began to assist him work, but in a short time became involved in a quar-rel. This terminated in a battle, during which Collins drew a knife and out Chad wick on the arm twice, on the right leg twice and in the stomach twice. Collins Chadwick was taken to his home, 15 Market street, where he was attended by several physicians. His condition was pronounced serious. The wounded man is married and 30 years old.

Last evening Collins was arrested on Market street, Pittsburg, by Detectives Steele and Johnson. He is about 40 years old, and makes his home on the boat. A fight occurred last evening at a Hun-garian boarding house, 143 Main street, Allegheny. As a result three Hungarians are at the Allegheny General Hospital. One of them has a crushed skull and will likely die. The boarding house is conducted by Oscar Moltze, and among his boarders were seven Hungarians. During the day the latter drank considerably and were generally quarrelsome and had frequent fights. But peace was restored after each occurrence until about 8:30 o'clock. At that time the men arranged to go to Pittsburg. They started out the back door and upon getting into the yard a controversy broke out and terminated in a gen-eral fight. This continued for quite a while and became so herce that knives were drawn

and stones used with marked effect. Hacked Up With Knives, A report of the progress of the fight was given to Officers Moreland and Dieble and three of the parties were arrested. They were Albert Durskin, aged 28 years, M. G. Bergerdik, aged 22 years, and John Kofsto, aged 23 years. They were taken direct to the Allegheny General Hospital. Durskin the Allegheny General Hospital. Durskin and Bergerdik were severely cut about the face and hands and Kofsto was cut similarly. He also had his skull crushed in at the back. This injury was the result of a cobble stone that was thrown at him. The men who were injured declined to give the full particulars of the case, but claimed that G. Martini, a fellow boarder, was the only one who drew a knife. Jack Boyle was arrested vesterday after. Jack Boyle was arrested vesterday after-noon by Officer Summerville and locked up in the Eleventh ward station on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. It is alleged by the officer that Boyle with several companions got into a fight with a lot of Italians in Poplar alley yesterday afternoon. They were all under the influence of liques and in the sentile Rayle risked of liquor, and in the scuffle Boyle picked up a brick and struck Antoina Brolinio on the head, cutting a terrible gash. He was removed to the Eleventh ward station,

where Police Surgeon Moyer dressed his Emanuel Williams, colored, aged 20 years, was probably fatally cut last evening. He was one of a number of colored men who had gathered at 6:30 o'clock at Fairfax and had gathered at 6:30 o'clock at Fairfax and Tioga streets, in Homewood. They had been drinking considerably during the day and were generally quarrelsome. Officer Coleman approached and ordered them to disperse. They refused and the officer arrested Lewis Williams. While taking him to the patrol box Williams fought desperately, but was safely landed in the wagon.

Determined to Do Damage. While the officer was attending to this the men about the corner continued their quarrel, and Albert Tillman drew a large knife and cut Emanuel Williams across the stomach, inflicting a serious wound. Officer

Mahon arrested Tillmau. The latter on the road to the Nineteenth ward station threw the knife from the wagon.

The wounded man was taken to the Mercy Hospital, where his condition is pronounced as very serious. He boarded at Martha Cooper's, No. 7302 Fairlax street, and is a laborer. He resided until a short time ago at Martinsburg. W. Va. at Martinsburg, W. Va.

There was a small sized riot in the neighborhood of Webster avenue and High street, between 10 and 11 o'clock last night. Two men whose purpose, it is thought, was robbery, entered the laundry of Ye Song on High street. The taller of the two at once assaulted the Chinaman, dealing him a terrible blow in the face. Ye Song velled loudly for help, and this had the effect of frightening the men off and attracting a crowd. One in attempting to escape jumped on a passing car, but was captured by Officer Nolder.

The other man got away. As the wagon was about to leave with the prisoner a brick was hurled at the officers, coming within an inch of striking Wagonman Deihl. The excitement for a time ran very high. The prisoner gave his name as John smith. Ye Song was terribly battered up about the face, and while his bruises were painful. Surgeon Moyer did not consider

hem serious.
At 11 o'clock last night there were 30 prisoners in the Twenty-eighth ward station nouse. They were all common drunk and disorderly cases, with the exceptiom of a woman in a demented condition, whe could not tell her name.

#### GAVE THEM LIBERTY.

Police Magistrates Deal Kindly With Christmus Morning Prisoners-Drunks and Disorderlies Let Go and the More Serious Offenders Touched Up Lightly. Many prisoners before the Police Magis-

trates yesterday morning got their Christ-mas gifts in the shape of light sentences

or release. This was particularly the case at Central station, where all but one of 22 risoners were atlowed to go free by Magistrate Gripp. The execution was Peter O'Neill, arrested for attempting to rob Joseph Given in an alley off Seventh avenue. He was held over for further hearing. Magistrate McKenna heard 39 cases at the Twelfth ward station. Leon Wimpsky was fined \$5 and costs for being disorderly on Sixteenth street. Michael Hough got drunk, went to his house on Nineteenth street, beat his wife and tore things up gen-erally. He paid \$20 and costs. John Spencer got into a fight on Jones avenue and on the interference of an officer, he turned his attention to him and endeavo turned his attention to him and endeavored to thrash him. He was sentenced 10 days to the workhouse. Sam Dean, arrested for fighting on Penn avenue, left a \$30 forfeit, and failed to materialize at the hearing. Albert McCoy, who insisted on shooting a revolver on Penn avenue, paid \$25 and costs. Lizzie Taylor paid \$10 and costs for being drunk and swearing on Penn avenue.
Thomas Burns went in a house on Second avenue Christmas eve and tore up things generally. He paid \$25 and costs. Thomas Jones acted disorderly at Ninth street; he

Magistrate Leslie had a very light hearing at the Seventeenth ward station. John Cole went to a ball at Turners' Hall Christmas eve, got in a fight with some men and was arrested. He will rusticate at Claremont for 30 days. Jane Leith broke a store window at No. 4618 Penn avenue and attempted to abstract some goods. She was arrested and sentenced 30 days to the work-

Magistrate Succop had about 15 cases before him. He was rather lenient with the prisoners, discharging all be could with reason and making a record on his docket that it was done on account of Christmas. Eight persons were disposed of in this way. There was only one case of special importance. Late Thursday night a fight occurred at South Third and Carson streets, in which Charles Caroèy was seriously injured. John McGee, John Smith, John Horan and Carney got into a dispute. Carney was knocked down and kicked in the lower part of the abdomen. All four were arrested and taken to the Twenty-eighth Ward station house, but it was found Carney was injured too seriously to remain there, and he was removed to the Southside Hospital. It was feared for a time he was fatally hurt, but the physicians in charge succeeded yesterday in improving his condition so that he will recover. John Horan was fined \$10 and at South Third and Carson streets, in which recover. John Horan was fined \$10 and costs at the hearing and the other two who are supposed to have done the kicking, were held over to await the result of Car-

Magistrate Hyndman, of the Second Police district, surprised all the prisoners arrested in his district Christmas eve by discharging them all.

### MINOR CHRISTMAS ACCIDENTS.

Mrs. Dopahue Badly Hurt by Being Thrown From a Runaway Rig.

Mrs. Donahue, of No. 15 Luster street, was driving along Forbes street in a buggy yesterday afternoon, when the horse took frieght and dashed across the Duquesne electric bridge at Old avenue. At Ross street the buggy was upset and the oc-cupant thrown out. When picked up it was discovered that Mrs. Donahue suffered some bad bruises about the face. After re-ceiving medical treatment the injured woman was removed to her home. The buggy was demolished.

A man was brought into the baggage room of the Union station about noon yesroom of the Union station about noon yesterday, apparently in a dying condition. Dr. Hamilton gave him something to relieve his stomach, which he did freely. When the Homeopathic ambulance drove up the fellow suddenly jumped to his feet, and astonished the baggage smashers by running down Liberty street. He was was drunk, and thought the ambulance was the partol thought the ambulance was the patrol wagon, and had sense enough to make a break for liberty.

### TWO UNINTENDED SHOOTINGS.

William Lees Wounds His Sister and Edward Fallow Himself.

William Lees, aged 18 years, accidently shot his sister aged 16, yesterday afternoon, at his home on Beach street, Allegheny, He was playing with a Flobert rifle and unfortunately it was discharged, the ball inflicting a scalp wound on his sister's head. He was arrested but last evening Superin-tendent Muth, convinced of the shooting being an accident, released him.

Edward Fallon, of No. 34 Nixon street,
Allegheny, shot himself accidentally in the
right thigh while examining a revolver at

his home yesterday afternoon. The wound is not a serious one. Dr. McMullen at-tended him. Officer Donovan, of Allegheny, had his

ankle broken yesterday morning. He was in pursuit of some men who had been fight-ing and while crossing a field at Wood's Run, fell into a cellar excavation.

### MIDNIGHT CUTTING AFFRAY.

An Italian Slashes Away at a Barber With Bis Penknife. About midnight William Fierst, a barber,

was cut on High street by an Italian, Charles Santonio. The two got into a dispute, and the Italian drew a penknife and slashed at Fierst's abdomen, but struck too low and caught him on the leg, cutting an ugly gash are inch deep and four or five inches long.

Both men were taken to the Central station, where Dr. Moyer attended the injured

HUMOR from the inimitable Bob Burdette in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

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Spring, 1892. New goods coming in now for spring sea-New goods crimmings.
son; dress trimmings.
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# VOICES OF THE WELSH

Blend Once More in the Glories of the Christmas Eisteddfod.

THOUSANDS ATTEND THE FEAST.

Perfect Rendition of Fanning's Great

Song of the Vikings.

HOMESTEAD WON THOUGH ITS MASCOT

The sixth and the most successful Eisteddfod ever known in Pittsburg was held yesterday in Old City Hall. In the afternoon there was a good crowd, and in the evening fully 2,000 people listened to the great musical contest at this time honored festival. Over \$500 were given away in prizes, and though the entire country was admitted nearly all the prizes were carried off by Pittsburg and McKees-

Out of this meeting is destined to grow an organization which will shed more honor on Western Pennsylvania. A great choir is to be formed, which will take part in the International Eisteddfod to be held in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893. To this end last night President Albert J. Edwards, of St. David's Society, appointed the following committee to perfect the organization: D. W. Llewellyn, Chairman. Will J. Jones, Secretary; T. W. Morgan, Prof. John Pritchard, David Francis, Joseph D. Jones, David Roberts, Owen Jones, Ivor Zacharias, William J. Davies, Fred W. Edwards, Morgan Davies, Rowland Jones, Samuel Ingram and Robert H. Davies.

Not Time for All Aspirants The number of the contestants was so large that in the morning the adjudicators had to cut out many of the weaker aspirants in order to complete the programme without the necessity of an all night session. The judges were D. Gordon Thomas, of Philadelphia, music: G. H. Humphreys, of Utica, N. Y., poetry and translations, and Rev. D. R. Richards, Sharpsburg, recitation and speeches. John Prichard was the accompanist. At the afternoon session J. L. Lewis was chairman. Miles Humphreys was to have been conductor, but owing to the ill-health of his wife his place was filled by A. J. Edwards, who also occupied that position in the evening. After an address of welcome by President Edwards, Chair-man Lewis made the following speech:

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To me has been assigned the pleasant duty of expressing on behalf of St. David's Benevolent Society a welcome to this, the annual Eisteddiod of the Weish people of this locality. Therefore we who live here give you greeting and warmly welcome you, either as performers or spectators, in this friendly rivalry, this contest in declamation, poetry and song, which as an institution had its origin in unrecorded days. Its observance has been among the pleasant things in Welsh practice and is useful in preserving the history, traditions and fables of a people who are renowned for their love of home, for their instinctive religious character, for their patriotism and warm friendship.

A Feature of Welsh Character. left a \$30 forfeit and did not show up at the A Feature of Welsh Character.

The love of the Fatherland, which is so dominant in the German heart, is none the less a feature of the Welshman's character. and surely every generous person of whatever nationality, if he has any poetry or music in his heart, must sympathize in the sentiment which prompts a people to keep alive the lovely traditions, the beautiful stories and the poetic customs of their country. Within the past 90 days I had the immense good fortune to have enjoyed, along with my wife, a coaching trip through Wales. Our drive took us through 11 of the

along with my wife, a coaching trip through Wales. Our drive took us through II of the I2 counties witch constitute the principality of Wales, and I now possess a memory stored with precious recollections of scenic beauty, loveliness and thrift.

Still do I see before me Rhyl, Landudno, the vale of Clydd, the vale of Conway, Bettys-v-coed, the pass of Llanderis and that most lovely of all valleys, renowned in song and story, viz: the Vale of Llangolien. I also retain vivid memories of the lovable old town of Aberyswith, the delightful towns of Newtown, Brecon, Builth and many others, even down to Cardiff, and these are pleasant things to be borne with me while I live. While traveling through that wonderously beautiful country, where the melodious numbers of a thousand lyric poets have flowed with the rippling grace and musical reverberations of the Clyde, the Dee, the Wye and the Usk, I was so thrilled with the beauty of the scenery and the pleasant, social manners of the people that, next to America, nowhere on earth would I rather claim a land as my birth-land than old historic, poetic, musical and patriotic Wales.

Friends, on behalf of St. David's Benevolent Society, we extend to vou who have come from a distance the hospitable welcome of brethren. We bid you join with us in this friendly rivalry and sentiments of good fellowship which have always marked the annual meetings of the Welsh at their Eistedfodds. Come, then, and join in the musical and intellectual table which is this day spread, and when we have separated let this sentiment thrill our hearts, that next to the glorious land where we now are, and which we believe to be infinitely superior in its laws, opportunities and possibilities, our hearts turn fondly and lovingly to the songs and stories, loves and friendships of lovely, green Wales.

First on the Programme.

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The opening song, a bass solo by Morris Stephene, was an able effort. Next came the competition on the baritone solo, "Song of Hybrias, the Cretan," and the 85 prize of Hybrias, the Cretan," and the \$5 prize was carried off, as well as the praise of the andience, by Henry Rees, of Soho. Several bright poems on "Obedience" were presented for a prize of \$5, which was won by David M. Lewis, of Alliance, O. Nathaniel Williams, of Pittsburg, recited "Cleddyf yr Arglwydd a Gideon," and carried off a prize of \$8 from four competitors. The compactition in the basistone and itors. The competition in the baritone and soprano duet, "I Feel Thy Angel Spirit," was a rare musical treat. Fred. and Rose Thomas, of the Southside, carried off the prize of \$10.

The next competition was in an oration on "Ymreolaeth i Gymru," which by interpretation means "Home Rule for Wales."
The prize was \$5 and was carried off by Owen Thomas, of Sodom, O., who reflected honor on the people of Youngstown by his competition yesterday. Besides the one he won he stood second in four others. Mrs. Samuel Ingram, of the Southside, won the prize in the alto solo "Oh Promise Me."

Mrs. John Evans, of Allegheny, was the winner in the competition on "Parllen Byrfyfyr." The Contest of the Afternoon

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Then came the great contest of the afternoon for a purse of \$100 for the best rendition of Fanning's "Song of the Vikings."

The competitors were the McKeesport Ghoral Union, D. Harry Davis, director; Superior Choral Union, Woods' Run, John Richards, director; Mansfield Valley Choral Union, T. L. Rees, director; and Soho Choral Union, William Morgan, director. They battled bravely to win approval from the muse of song and the adjudicators, and every bit of life and passion in this famous composition was brought out. The McKeesport choir sang first and there was but one voice It was as if the wast wealth of one voice It was as if the vast wealth of melody came alone from the director's baton, so perfect was the unison, and on each swell of this grand song the audience half rose to greet it, and when it passed, felt sorry at the going. The others took their turn, but the nearest one was the Soho choir, which stood second.

During the afternoon Prof. Thomas gave

several solos and each was enthusiastically recalled. He is a bass soloist of world-wide In the evening the hall was crowded from end to end. There were over 2,000 people present. The opening address was made by Mr. Edwards who was followed by T. C. Jenkins, President of the evening session.

He said:

It affords me much pleasure to meet you again, and on this the great day of our Christian year—recognized by every son and daughter of Wales as being the nuniversary of the birth of the Son of Gou. No race or nationality more fully accept the teachings of Christ in their simplicity as they are handed down to us through the four apos-

#### tles and evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke PITTSBURG A Very Devotional People

There are no people so largely devotional as are the Welsh and their descendants, or where the percentage of active members o communicants of the different Protestan communicants of the different Protestant denominations is as large. This is owing largely, as many claim, to our heritage—the love of music—and this is what has brought you together here to-night. From the cheerful countenances I see in the audience before me I am given to know that the cares and trials of life are not resting heavily upon you. You are here for an evenings enjoyment to hear the choirs sing. So am I.

Elaborate Lunches Served by the Prominen Hostelries.

Stevens gave the opening song. Robert S. Davis gave the song "I Love Thee So," written by Dr. W. T. English and Gilden written by Dr. W. T. English and Gilden R. Broodberry. Other competitors were not in it and Davis carried off the prize. Mrs. Ingram was the successful competitor on the recitation, "A Psalm of Life." Then Prof. Gordon Thomas sang an original composition, "I Leave for Philadelphia in the Morning" and took the house by storm. As a penalty he had to sing a number of se-Christmas comes but once a year. The ittle children who awoke yesterday morning and clapped their tiny hands for joy over full stockings of candy and presents will wish that it came oftener. The man who howls for the ice pitcher at 6 o'clock this morning will be glad the day is over, a penalty he had to sing a number of se-lections from operas before the audience and thankful that it won't occur again for 12 months. Innocence and folly tell the story.

In the competition for the best rendition of "Pilgrims" by a male chorus, for a purse of \$50, the Pilgrim Chorus, of Pittsburg, was the first to sing, but the baritone faltered in his solo and their pilgrimage for the \$50 is not ended. Next came the Soho Joy and jags prevailed but the former ruled.
All holidays are thoroughly appreciated
in Pittsburg, and a short period of rest is
always welcomed by the nervous, energetic
people who live at a high tension. Christ-Chorus, which also stumbled in its solos and lost. Then came the braves of Homestead, under the leadership of Benjamin Francis. He was too short to see over the piano, but with the assistance of a chair he rose to the occasion. Numbered among his men was a black Welshman of African extraction and he proved a mascot. The chorus was faultless and the little director carried off the

Even Puzzled the Adjudicator In the competition on the solo "In Old Madrid" the audience received a musical treat. The adjudicator was at a loss to deoide where the prize belonged, and divided the money between Mrs. Mudgling, of Al-

legheny, and Miss Rose Thomas, of the Southside. T. C. Jenkins gave a purse of \$5 to Mrs. Mary A. Davis, of Soho, the other contestant.

In the competition for a prize of \$15 for a poem on "Wisdom," the judge decided none of the compositions worthy of a prize. The great contest of the evening followed. It was on Handel's "Worthy is the Lamb." The contestants were the Homestead United Chorus, and the Choral Union of the Southside, Superior, Mansfield Valley. Fifth avenue, McKeesport and Soho. The adjudicator said he had never heard such a contest and for a time the prize hung between the Fifth avenue and the Soho choruses, but finally fell to the latter. The

So am I. In the absence of D. L. Davies, Morris

would let him rest.

purse was \$250, and a gold medal was given to Director William Morgan. Then the anthem was once more given by the united choruses, under the leadership of Prof. Thomas. Then from a thousand voices burst the national anthem, "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau," and the Eisteddfod of 891 was ended.

### AN OAKLAND FIRE.

The Furniture Store of Hammer & Co Burned Early Christmas Morning. A fire broke out in the furniture Rore of Hammer & Co., at No. 3806 Fifth avenue, Oakland, about 3:30 yesterday morning. The

flames spread rapidly and set fire to the livery stable of J. K. Smith, adjoining. The furniture store was badly damaged The loss on the stock will amount to \$3,000, partly insured. The furniture building is a one-story frame, about 25x60 feet, owned by Mrs. Robert Wiggens. The loss on the building is about \$1,000.

The livery stable is a frame structure 40x 200, and when the fire broke out it contained 20 head of horses. The horses were saved 20 head of norses. The norses were saven with all the carriages, buggies and harness. Mr. Smith's loss will amount to about \$200. The large, three-story brick building on the corner of Oakland avenue, next to the furniture store, was also badly scorches The rear roof was partly damaged. Mrs. Wiggens owns the building which is occupied by Donovan's restaurant. The buildng is damaged to the extent of \$500. No insurance.

Adam Lickart, a shoemaker, occupied a part of the livery stable. His tools and a small stock of shoes and leather were burned. His loss will be about \$100.

John Woods vesterday gave John Bulger 88 25 to purchase and sell some poultry in Pittsburg. He also loaned him a horse and Bulger came to Pittsburg and buggy. Bulger came to Pittsburg and bought the poultry. He then met Parney Meenan, a personal acquaintance, and with him drove out to Thirty-third and Smallman streets, where several sales were made Ruleer states that some rowdies surrounded his wagon and he fought them. Meenan disappeared with the wagon. Now Bulger is charged with larceny.

An Alleged Suit for Separation. A Springfield, O., telegram to the Philadelphia Record, says: D. W. Semple, a son and heir of the late William Semple, of Allegheny, Pa., the millionaire railroad owner and builder, agreed before a Phila-delphia minister, November 28, 1876, to love and cherish Mrs. Adella Semple, but all Akron is now buzzing about his alleged infidelity. His wife has sued for separa-tion. A pretty young tyewriter, Miss Maud Gaskell, has been the destroying

angel in the domestic tragedy. To Recommend a District Judge There will be a meeting of the members of the county bar, irrespective of the bar association, in the rooms of the association in the Court House at 2 o'clock this after-noon, for the purpose of deciding on what action will be taken in the matter of recom-mending a candidate for District Judge to the President.

Bowser's Pardon Delayed. HARRISBURG, Dec. 25 .- [Special. ]-In an interview to-night, Governor Pattison said he would not issue a pardon to Absalom Bowser until he heard officially from the Beard of Pardons.

CARLISLE, the Senator from Kentucky has consented to an interview for THE DIS-PATCH to-morrow. He discusses the tariff and silver issues, the Speakership and other topics of national interest.

False Economy

Is practiced by many people, who buy in-ferior articles of food because cheaper than standard goods. Surely infants are entitled to the best food obtainable. It is a fact that the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk is the best infant food. Your grocer

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FEASTED.

Christmas Is Generally Celebrated Throughout the Community.

SCENES ON DOWNTOWN STREETS

MUSIC A FEATURE IN THE CHURCHES

mas, however, has peculiar charms, for with it comes the giving and receiving of gifts. This beautiful custom was maintained yesterday, and put everybody in a good humor from the start. Remembering Those Usually Forgotten.

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The poor were not forgotten, and saddened hearts were relieved and comforted through the noble work of charity. The weather was not perfect, but nobody growled about that. If the air was soggy and it was a little damp underfoot, this did not deter pedestrians from tramping the streets.

After the Christmas dinner was caten, the dyspeptics started out for a walk to help the overworked stomachs dispose of the plum pudding, and the boys and girls were glad of a chance to cultivate each other's acquaintance. The narrow sidewalks were crowded all day long. A number of people from the rural districts came in to attend the theaters and number of people from the rural districts came in to attend the theaters and districts came in to attend the theaters and hear the singing at the Weish Eistedfodd.

The play houses did a good business. Standing room only was written on the signs displayed, but the theaters would have done better if the day had been colder. The air was warm, and it was really pleasant to gad the town, and look at the pretty shon windows. shop windows.

The Difference in the Morning. Some of the boys gazed on old John Bar-leycorn too long, and ate sauer kraut and other indigestible things until nature re-belled, but the dear fellows couldn't resist. With souls full of regret they will swear off for another year to-day, or yow not to take a drink within the county lines for 12

There was football at Exposition Park for the athletically inclined, and those who witnessed the game saw a good contest. For some reason the railroads were more destructive than usual, and nearly a dozen lives were lost under the grinding wheels. Whether too much Christmas was responsible or the result it is the contest. ible or not for the result, it is no comfort to those who mourn the dead. But, taking it all together, Pittsburg has no reason to regret the celebration.

## CHRISTMAS AT HOTELS.

Feast of Fat Things Served at the Local Houses for the Epicures-The Lunches at the Leading Resorts Disappear in

Short Order. The dinners at all the hotels yesterday ere elaborate. The Monongahela House and Anderson led with the fullest bill of fare. The menu cards lacked no delicacy of the season. When house serves quail, venison, pheasant, duck and the old reliable turkey with any number of side dishes, the epicure must be hard to please who can't find some-thing to satisfy his appetite. Game is plentiful and cheap this year, no thanks, however, to the game laws, and the quality is first-class. A great crop of grain seems to bring with it a full supply of birds and four-footed animals of the forest. There were plenty of delicious meats on the tables yesterday, and the plum puddings were rich

and palatable.

The dining room of the Monongahela House was neatly decorated with flowers and green plants, and the dinner was exand green plants, and the dinner was excellent. Ever since this famous hotel was
started the Christmas dinner has been a
feature. Captain S. S. Brown, the proprietor, established a new rule this year. All
the employes of the house were
given a present in money in proportion
to position and salary. John W. Mackey,
the California millionaire, has for years
given his men a gift of a half month's
salary at Christmas, and now Captain Sam

given his men a gift of a half month's salary at Christmas, and now Captain Sam Brown sets an example of his generosity.

The menu card at the Anderson was very pretty and artistic. The words "Merry Christmas," were worked in old gold and crystal on an inside leaf. Each card was crystal on an inside leaf. Each card was ornamented with a bow of some bright-colored ribbon. On the outside cover was a partial view of a banquet table with the wine bottles and glasses full of good cheer. The lunch of young pig and turkey at the Duquesne was devoured between 10 o'clock and noon. At 1 o'clock the platter was cleaned up, and the porkers had disappeared. The luch was served early, and while it was in progress the barroom was crowded with in progress the barroom was crowded with people. Wine flowed freely, and all agreed that it was a jolly way to est a Christmas

dinner.

There was a display of triumphs of the culinary art yesterday at M. Albert Menjou's Cafe Royal such as Pittsburg has never seen before. Five French cooks had been at work for a month past preparing the monumental dishes for yesterday's exhibition. In the main room of the eafe these edifices of sugar, and spice and all that's nice, were set up at 9 o'clock, and the public took such interest in them and the delicacies which five white-aproned cooks sliced up and 16 waiters distributed, that by 2 o'clock there remained only the ruins of no less than 60 dishes, ranging from elaborate center pieces mained only the rums of no less than 60 dishes, ranging from elaborate center pieces to comparatively simple truffled pheasants, boned turkey, chicken and quail. All the noted epicures of Pittsburg were on hand to remember Albert's good health, and drink it, too, and not less than 1,000 people admired the cookery, after sampling it. Among those who attended as art critics, as it were, were many hotel people, some of Among those who attended as art drittes, as it were, were many hotel people, some of them Mr. Menjou's old associates. A representation of the Bartholdi statue, in sugar, which remained on exhibition all day, was a fair sample of the whole dis-play. M. Menjou got lots of compliments.

## IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

The Rural Lads Spend the Day Trying to

Catch Rabbits. The rural districts employed Christing much in the usual way, but there being no snow the boys did not get as many rabbits as usual. Only those who could get the animals on the run had any success, as the animals on the run had any success, as the hunters were obliged to start them from their farms by the aid of dogs. The boys in the vicinity of Remington repaired to the Kansas schoolhouse and by dint of ringing the bell at frequent intervals for some hours, succeeded in gathering a large party and they spent the day playing baseball and kicking football.

The Presbyterians of Coraopolis gave their usual juvenile entertainment on Christmas Eve and the little people enjoyed it to the utmost, many of them dressed as brownies playing the role of Santa Claus in the distribution of sweetmeats.

Alderman McKenna Remembered. The P. J. Dohohue Club, of the First ward, held its annual reception yesterday. When the festivities were at their height Alderman Donohue suddenly celled the assemblage to order, and in a neat speech presented Alderman McKenna with a hand-some diamond sear him as a slight token of

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regard from many friends. The Alderman, although taken by surprise, responded in a happy manner.

AT THE CITY CHURCHES.

Musical Programmes and Sunday Sch Christmas was duly celebrated at many of the leading Pittsburg churches. A large crowd was out at the 5 o'clock mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, and those at later hours were well attended. At St. Peter's Church an elaborate musical programme was ren-dered. At St. John's R. C. Church and St.

Andrew's Episcopal special attention was also given to the musical features.

At many of the other churches scattered over the two cities there were Sunday school and other entertainments, at which the younger element enjoyed themselves levels. Particularly was the the second the largely. Particularly was this the case at the Methodist Protestant Church at Fifth and Marion, where the features of last even-ing's entertainment were especially pleas-

### THE NEWSBOYS AT DINNER.

Lively Scenes at the Third Annual Banquet at the Home, The third annual dinner of the News-

boys' Home on Old avenue was given yes terday from 11 to 1 o'clock, and a royal, merry Christmas time was had. Seventy boys, the majority of whom were "newsies, and 15 girls, were seated at the tables and indulged themselves in the choice repast. Turkey, chicken, cranberries, candies, unter and other good things were spread and enjoyed. Everyone there was cared for and befriended. None seemed to regret the absence of a parents' home, because they were indulged in the delicacies of the holiday board and shared in the good will and sprint of the dear with a mathematical base. spirit of the day with an enthusiasm, loyal and grateful.

The dinner was given by W. R. Thompson, Charles Lockhart, James J. Buchanan, C. A. Kitzmiller, J. B. D. Meeds, James W. Drape, S. S. Marvin & Co. and J. P. Hanna. A gift was received from Mrs. S. Stewart, of Ridge avenue, Ailegheny, con-sisting of a cap for each of the boys.

### A REMEDY MUST BE FOUND.

Patrons of Traction Lines Will Not Submit to the Continual Overfrowding-A Reply to the Remarks Made by Chief Brown-Future Possibilities.

The people of the Southside rejoiced yesterday at the intelligence conveyed to them through THE DISPATCH that more cars were to be placed on their line. The views of the magnates of the roads in the other sections of the city were by no means as satisfactory to those directly interested. One well-known East End citizen said:

"Chief Brown, who, by the way, is a director of the Duquesne road, makes some remarks which would be ludicrous were it not for the fact that the arguments advanced are used to cover the evident intention not to provide any better accommodations for the traveling public. Mr. Brown says that there is no possible remedy for the crowded cars because there are too many people. The city surely should not complain of too large a population. We all hope and expect that there will be more people here in the future, and such will surely be the case. Then what is to be done? Are the cars to become more and more crowded and still no become more and more crowded and still no

"But there will be a remedy," the gen-tleman continued. "If the street railways now in existence cannot possibly handle the people there will be more street railways. It might be necessary to adopt the elevated system. Or, possibly, the managers of the Pennsylvania Company may have their attention called to the unique views of Chief Brown and take stems to secure a denot in Brown and take steps to secure a depot in the business center where they could handle those people unable to get on the cars to and from the East End. The 'no seat, no fare' plan may not be as perfect in practice as in theory, but it would not hurt for Coun-cils to try an ordinance of that kind. If it did not prevent crowding it would stir the companies up to doing something that would."

Other patrons of the traction lines expressed themselves in a similar strain, and all unite in demanding that something be Former prices done at once in the interest of public safet;

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